#### PRESIDENT M'CREA **MUCH IMPRESSED**

General Superintendent J. M. Davis and Superintendent of Motive Power J. F. Dunn of the Oregon Short Line system, and Superintendent E. C. Manson of the Southern Pacific road arrived from Sparks on a special train at an early hour yesterday after escorting President McCrea and party over the Salt Lake division. Discussing the trip briefly with a reporter yesterday, Superintendent Manson yesterday, said:

President McCrea was enthusiastic in his endorsement of the service and equipment of the Harriman roads and was especially interested in inspecting was especially metally make the Ogde-Lucin cut-off, which he pro-neunced a marvel of engineering ac-complished even in this day of scientific railroad construction.
"He is a civil engineer of wide and

varied experience, having served in that capacity for many years, and readily grasped and fully appreciated the reduction of grades and important improvements made since his last trip over the Southern Pacific, before the cut-off was built, when he went over the old line by way of Corinne and Kelton. He was quick to note the advantages of the lake crossing and the

vantages of the lake crossing and the special was run slowly in order to give him ample time to note every important feature of the great work.

"He is at the head of the Pennsylvania system, and some idea of the magnitude of the business transacted over the various lines of that road may be obtained from his statement that the interchange of the statement that the interchange of the statement of the interchange of the statement. that the interchange of traffic on that system, at Pittsburg alone, amounts to eight thousand loads daily during the entire year. He has climbed the rail-road ladder from the lower round to the very top and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of track conditions and operating methods. Hence his endorsement of the Harriman roads is in the nature of a high com-

President McCrea's party was met at Sparks by Assistant General Man-ager W. R. Scott of the Southern Pa-cific management and escorted by special train to San Francisco, where Mr. and Mrs. McCrea will meet their daughter, who is just returning from an extended trip through Japan and the Orient. The party will return east over the Canadian Pacific after a brief our of the more important cities of the Pacific coast.

"President McCrea is a broad-gauged man of affairs in the widest sense of that term and expressed him-self as pleasantly surprised at the remarkable growth and development of Utah and the interior West."

### INTEREST GROWS IN **AUTOMOBILE RACES**

As the time draws near for the big automobile race meet at the Fair Grounds on Decoration Day, the enthusiasm of the automobilists is waxing warm. New entries for match races are coming in rapidly, and the of the largest crowds ever assembled at the Fair Grounds is for the weather man to hand out fair weather. The committee on arrangements is in communication with some fast cars from Salt Lake City, and it is highly probable that one or two events for non-residents will be booked.

The match race between J. C. Jen-sen and J. W. Duffin will have some class to it, as both men are spending all their spare time familiarizing themselves with the speedway.

Denny Smyth hasn't slept since the

race meet was first talked of, spending all his time trying to convince his friends to put their money on him in the Packard-White Steamer race.
Both ex-Mayor Glasmann and Judge Howell are experiencing some diffi-cuity in getting passengers to accompany them in the Australian pursuit

Phil Kohn is accused of causing a Phil Kohn is accused of causing a gas famine in the city, having burned so much in his daily practices.

Considerable talk is going the rounds about a three-cornered race beiween Mayor Brewer, Dr. Joyce and Billy Williams.

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Ogden people are going to get more good amusement out of this race meet than can be calculated at this time. The admission fee will be only small sum of twenty-five cents.

### ENGINEER CRANE HAD AN EYE REMOVED

Clarence Crane, an old-time Southern Pacific passenger engineer who recently lost an eye by the bursting of an oil lubricator in the cab of the engine, returned from San Francisco yesterday, where he went to have his eye treated and subsequently removed. The accident occurred while he was pulling a passenger train between Carlin and Sparks, and for a time it was thought he would lose the

sight of both eyes.

Mr. Crane formerly resided in Ogden with his family and is well and favorably known here. Accompanied by his wife he was en route to Salt Lake to confer with Superintendent of Motive Power Dunn and other officials of the Oregon Short Line man-

## SPRY CONSIDERS THE OGDEN OFFER A JOKE

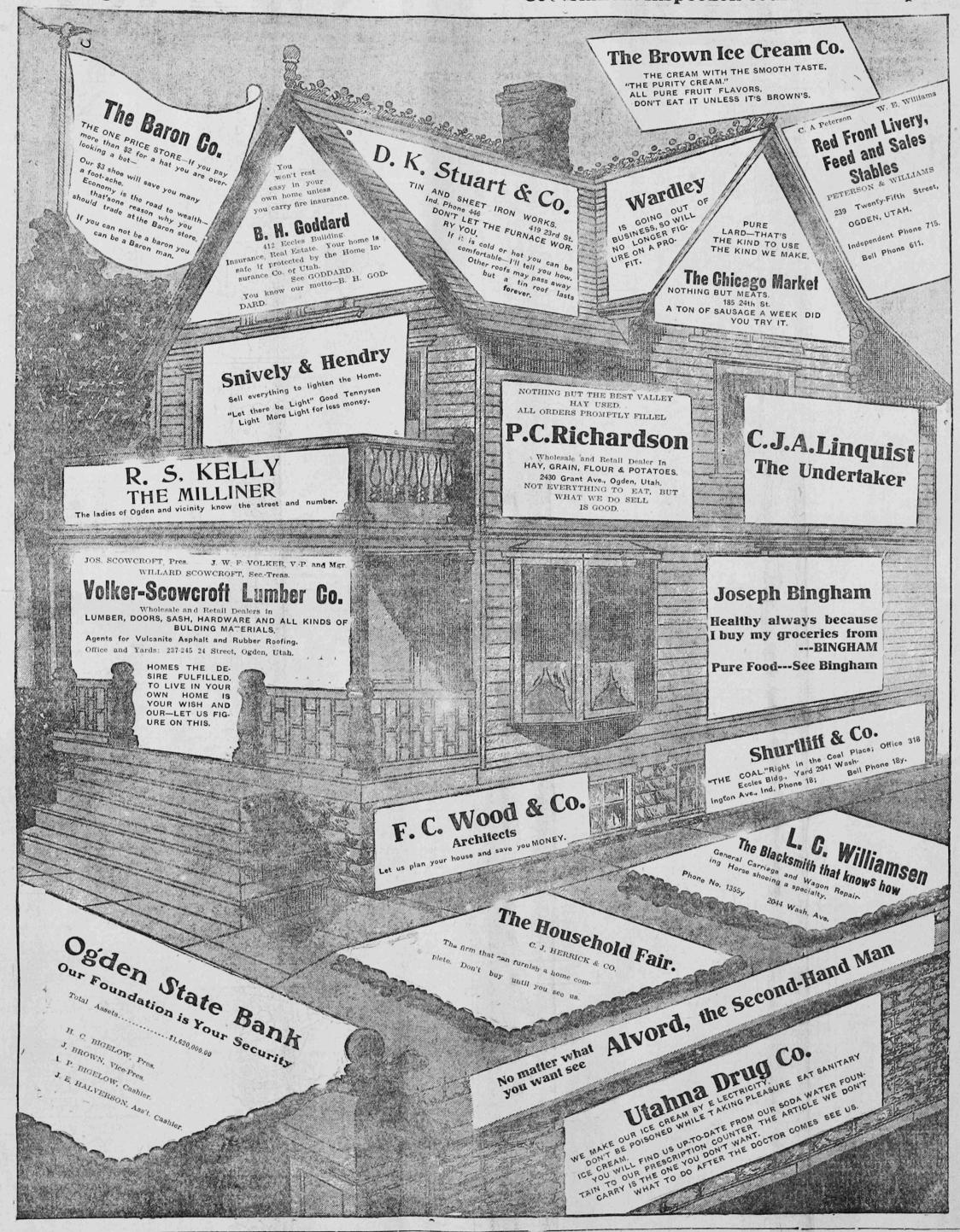
Governor Spry is not inclined to be optimistic regarding Ogden's chances for securing the state capital. In for securing the state capital. In fact, as a resident of Salt Lake, he looks upon the matter as something of a joke. In company with H. S. Joseph, brosident of the State Industrial school board, the governor paid Ogden a visit yesterday and expressed den a visit yesterday and expressed bimself freely on the subject which is paramount in the minds of the local

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unconstitutional. The state constitution of Utah designates Salt Lake as the capital city and to accomplish any change would necessitate chang-ing the constitution. This could be done by a popular vote of the people, of course, in four years time, but it can hardly be brought about under any elegimentaries. I think Sait Lake as

for Ogden so secure the state capi-tal," said the governor, "in fact, the "clean" horse racing but did not parchanging of the present location would ticularly commit himself as favorably

impressed with the book-making game; antagonistic to any move on the part making feature was, in his opinion, and the wholesale gambling which of anyone to take the capital else; undesirable. constitutes the major part of the sport as at present conducted.

"I like to see a good horse race myself," said he, "and I think it is a sport which could be encouraged at any time, provided the element of wholesale gambling could be eliminat-

of anyone to take the capital else | undesirable where than its present location. Salt Lake is entitled to it. Out of an assessed valuation of \$72,000,000 for the state, Salt Lake is credited with \$57,state, Sait Lake 180 per cent. Why which

"I wish they could manage horse cing," said he, "as they used to in Kentucky. We didn't bet the way they do now and the sport fostered the breeding of magnificent horse flesh which made the state famous over the can hardly be brought about under any circumstances. I think Salt Lake, as the leading city of the state, is entitled to the capital and that it would be a mistake to institute a change at this time."

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entertained at supper by Supt. Heber H. Thomas, at the Weber Club.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT WILL EXTERMINATE RATS

Washington, May 29.-Rats are receiving continued attention from the agricultural department; the campaign started against them may result some day in the extermination of the pest in this country.

A recent bulletin issued by the agri-

\$100,000,000 a year to board them. It has been estimated that a single pair of rats and their progeny, breeding without interruption and suffering no losses, would in three years increase to more than twenty millions. While recommending the persistent usce of traps and poisons, the experts think the most promising lines of ex-termination effort lie in rat-proof con-struction of buildings, especially the use of concrete in foundations, and in reducing the food supply of rats by cultural department has it figured out that a single rat can eat sixty cents' the disposal of garbage and the proworth of grain a year, and that if all

, the rats in the country were fed on

grain alone it would cost more than